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FINAL CALL FOR ARTISTS!

UNIQUE ARTS-HISTORY PARTNERSHIP SPURS NEW GALLERY AT THOMAS STONE SITE IN CHARLES COUNTY

Time is running out for Maryland artists to propose artworks for the upcoming "Habre de Venture" juried art show in Charles County. The deadline is January 15. The Charles County Arts Alliance, in partnership with the Thomas Stone National Historic Site, will hold its first juried art show at the new gallery being created in Charles County. The exhibit will be held from February - June 2012.

The new Visitors Center Gallery is part of the 322-acre estate once owned by Thomas Stone (one of Maryland's four signers of the Declaration of Independence). The property is owned and operated by the National Park Service (NPS) and located at 6655 Rose Hill Road in Port Tobacco, Maryland.

The gallery space -- complete with state of the art lighting -- will be home to the Charles County Arts Alliance 's first statewide juried art show, entitled *Habre de Venture: Dwelling Place of the Arts* .

Thomas Stone National Historic Site Superintendent Lucy Lawliss said,

"We are excited to be finalizing installation of our new gallery at the Thomas Stone National Historic Site, complete with museum-quality lighting, etc. This gallery space will be used to showcase all future exhibits to maximum advantage, and enhance the visitor experience. In addition, we will post all artworks from our upcoming juried show to our online "virtual art gallery" located at our website (www.nps.gov/thst). This will provide another opportunity to connect new visitors to the park and the selected artists to gain statewide, national, and

international exposure."

Opening weekend for the show is scheduled for February 4-5, 2012. Public receptions are being planned for Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. On Saturday, February 4, a formal reception will be held, with an opportunity to meet and greet the Maryland artists whose work will be on display.

Charles County Arts Alliance President Diane Rausch said,

"Our first statewide juried art show is generating some real excitement in our Maryland arts community. We've had a steady stream of artist submissions for this wonderful new partnership, but there is always room for more! We're delighted that a beautiful new gallery space has been created by the National Park Service at the Habre de Venture Visitors Center. And we're honored that Maryland's talented visual artists have been invited to exhibit their artworks for the inaugural show of this new gallery."

Visual artists throughout Maryland are invited to submit artworks for consideration. The deadline for submission of proposed artwork entries is **January 15, 2012**. For more information and juried art show guidelines, visit the Arts Alliance website at www.charlescountyarts.org, or call 301-392-5900.

PHOTO CAPTION: The Charles County Arts Alliance is partnering with the Thomas Stone National Historic Site in Port Tobacco to present a statewide juried art show entitled, "Habre de Venture: Dwelling Place of the Arts," from February - June 2012. Artists throughout Maryland are invited to submit artworks for consideration. The submission deadline is January 15, 2012. For more info, visit www.charlescountyarts.org or contact the Arts Alliance at jury@charlescountyarts.org or 301-392-5900.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) is to stimulate, promote, encourage, and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit. Founded in 1987, the CCAA promotes ALL the arts in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature.